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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Notice to Comply with Requirements for Patent Applications Containing Nucleotide Sequence and/or Amino Acid Sequence Disclosures dated August 9, 2000, please amend the specification as follows:

IN THE BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF FIGURES:

Page 9, line 22, after "sequence" insert -- comparison
of SOM175 (QUERY) protein sequence fragments [SEQ ID NO:4] with
VEGF₁₆₅ (SUBJECT) protein sequence fragments [SEQ ID NO:2]--.

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Page 9, line 24, after "VEGF cDNA" insert --[SEQ ID NO:1]-- after "SOM175 cDNA" insert --[SEQ ID NO:3]--.

Page 9, line 26, after "VEGF₁₆₅" insert --[SEQ ID NO:1]-- after "SOM175" insert --[SEQ ID NO:3]--; after "splice variants" insert --SOM175-e6 [SEQ ID NO:5]; SOM175-e6&7 [SEQ ID NO:7]; SOM175-e4 [SEQ ID NO:9]--.

Page 9, line 29, after "VEGF₁₆₅" insert --[SEQ ID NO:2]--; after "SOM175" insert --[SEQ ID NO:4]--.

Page 10, line 4, after "human SOM175" insert --[SEQ ID NO:15]--.

Page 10, line 8, after "clones" insert --[SEQ ID NOS:16, 17 and 18]--.

Page 10, line 18, after "mVRF₁₆₇" insert --[SEQ ID NO:19]--; after "hVRF₁₆₇" insert --[SEQ ID NO:20]--; after "mVRF₁₈₆" insert --[SEQ ID NO:21]--; after "hVRF₁₈₆" insert --[SEQ ID NO:22]--.

Page 10, line 23, after "mVRF₁₆₇" insert --[SEQ ID NO:19]--; after "mVEGF₁₈₈" insert --[SEQ ID NO:23]--.

After Page 35, please insert the substitute Sequence Listing and renumber the specification and claim pages accordingly.

REMARKS

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.821(d), applicants have amended the Brief Description of the Figures to provide reference to sequence identifiers and comparisons thereof in Figures 3-11.